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Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses

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SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is April 12

Business owners still have time to apply

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Nebraska and Kansas counties have until April 12, 2004 to apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to businesses that experienced financial losses due to damages caused by severe storms, hail, flooding, and tornadoes that occurred June 22 – 23, 2003. Physical losses caused by the disaster cannot be covered by these loans. These loans are available to businesses which meet the SBA size standards and cannot meet their disaster-related financial needs through other sources. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Nebraska:

Clay
Fillmore

Jefferson
Nuckolls

Saline
Thayer

Kansas:

Republic

Washington

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA, toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. Applications must be received no later than **April 12, 2004**.

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For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.